**PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES**

**BOTH EXPO DAYS**

**Brick Build Competition**

**SAT & SUN | JUN 15 - 16 | 10 AM – 4 PM**

**LOBBY**

FREE to participate! Any brand of toy bricks (e.g. LEGO, Minibricks, etc.) are accepted, as well as non-brick materials (e.g. action figures and accessories). Builds will be displayed in the lobby on both expo days. Drop off build entries on Friday, June 14, between 10 am - 4 pm. Drop off entries via the NORTH parking lot to the auditorium, where you'll fill out an entry card to be displayed along with your build. The winner will receive a Bowers Museum membership!

**Vendors/Exhibitors**

**SAT & SUN | JUN 15 - 16 | 10 AM – 4 PM**

**JOHN M. LEE COURT**

Support local artists and get to know our partner organizations in our indoor courtyard. Snacks and soft drinks are available for purchase in the nearby rotunda bar.

**Comic Book Bargain Bins & Treasure Dive**

*(While Supplies Last!)*

**SAT & SUN | JUN 15 - 16 | 10 AM – 4 PM**

**KEY COURTYARD**

For comic book collectors, there are real treasures to be found among the bins! Suggested donation of only $2/each — all proceeds go to the Bowers Museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

**Wellness Area**

**SAT & SUN | JUN 15 - 16 | 10 AM – 4 PM**

**HSU CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR**

*(elevator accessible)*

A safe, restful space away from sensory overstimulation; read a comic book, draw pictures, or simply close your eyes and do some deep breathing exercises.

**All-day Activities**

**SAT & SUN | JUN 15 - 16 | 10 AM – 4 PM**

**KEY COURTYARD**

Our all-day activities are open to people of all ages! Face painting and art activities take place in the fresh air in our historic courtyard. Enjoy ambient music while shopping for handmade candy creations by legendary candy sculptor, Shan, who is a regular fixture at exclusive Beverly Hills events.

**DJ Performances**

**SAT & SUN | JUN 15 - 16 | 10 AM – 4 PM**

**HUANG GARDEN**

Indulge in the sounds and artistry of spectacular guest DJs in our lush outdoor sculpture garden. Grab a beverage from the satellite bar and groove to the music with loved ones and new friends while savoring the summer weekend in style. Featuring: DJ Phantasea; Moon in Gemini; Mesmé; Whipnotiq; AJ Calzada; and John Tejada. *Many thanks to Eden USA, audio equipment sponsor!* m.edenusa.com

**OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS!**

**Cosplay & Harajuku Fashion Show**

**SAT | JUN 15 | 10 AM – 4 PM**

**SUN | JUN 16 | 10 AM – 1 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

Show off your artistry on our main stage! The Fashion Show takes place Sunday at 2 pm — sign-up takes place Saturday, all day, and Sunday, from 10 am - 1 pm.

---

Programs subject to change.
Artist Jam Session: AI & the Art World  
**SAT | JUN 15 | 10:30 - 11 AM**  
**KEY COURTYARD**

Our Artist Jam Sessions are casual conversations that allow creatives to explore topics as broadly or as deeply as you’d like. This self-led forum includes discussion prompts and takes place in our shady outdoor arcade. Bring a beverage or snack if you’d like, and get ready to talk about how AI is affecting the creative industries, how it impacts indie creators, and how we can leverage it as a tool in our creative processes.

Screening: Interview with Filipino Artist Carlo Vergara  
**SAT | JUN 15 | 11 - 11:40 AM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

As featured in our current exhibition, *Asian Comics: Evolution of an Art Form*, Carlo Vergara is an award-winning artist, writer, playwright, and performing artist whose global breakout, gender-changing character, Zsazsa Zaturnnah, spawned a live-action film, a *tour-de-force* musical, and now a forthcoming animated film. This interview, with Bowers’ own art director, Ren (he/they), covers topics of creativity, inspiration, Philippine pride, and queer representation. Because it’s all about the love, henny! Explore more of Carlo Vergara’s work and other Filipino artists in the presentation “Pinoy Komiks” at 1 pm, and see his animated sizzle reel at the Animated Shorts Film Screening at 2:30 pm.

Artist Jam Session: Gamers, Creators, Newbies, & Indie Games  
**SAT | JUN 15 | 12:30 - 1 PM**  
**KEY COURTYARD**

Our Artist Jam Sessions are casual conversations that allow creatives to explore topics as broadly or as deeply as you’d like. This self-led forum includes discussion prompts and takes place in our shady outdoor arcade. Bring a beverage or snack if you’d like, and get ready to share about your favorite games, games that you’ve created or are in the process of creating, supporting indie game creators, and more.

Presentation: Pinoy Komiks  
**SAT | JUN 15 | 1 - 1:30 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

Discover the importance of comics in Philippine culture. With over 7,000 islands in the archipelago and influences from all over the ancient and modern worlds, the Philippines is infinitely textured in its artistry and creative works. Presented by Angelo Mendez, co-founder of Hot Tropiks, a culture bookstore and official U.S. distributor of *Asian Comics* featured artist Carlo Vergara’s works. hottropiks.com

Artist Jam Session: Artwork Show & Tell  
**SAT | JUN 15 | 1:30 - 2 PM**  
**KEY COURTYARD**

Our Artist Jam Sessions are casual conversations that allow creatives to explore topics as broadly or as deeply as you’d like. This self-led forum includes discussion prompts and takes place in our shady outdoor arcade. Bring a beverage or snack if you’d like, and get ready to share your art, portfolio, or social media presence, seek input and critiques, network, and chat with fellow creatives.

Screening: Animated Shorts  
**SAT | JUN 15 | 2:30 - 3:45 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

Celebrate the magic and wonder of storytelling, animation, and motion artists, including a sizzle reel of *Asian Comics* artist Carlo Vergara’s animated feature of his blockbuster character, Zsazsa Zaturnnah. Many thanks to all participants for sharing their work and creativity with our community!

FREE ‘80s Flashback Family-Friendly After Party!  
**SAT | JUN 15 | 4 - 9 PM**  
**4TH ST MARKET’S BACK PATIO, DOWNTOWN SANTA ANA**

Featuring DJ Ruben Salazar spinning musical hits from the ‘80s! [https://www.instagram.com/dtsalive/](https://www.instagram.com/dtsalive/)

(Continued)
**PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES**
**SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

**Artist Jam Session:**
**Storytelling, Writing, (Voice) Acting, Art/Animation: The Worlds Behind Worldbuilding**
**SUN | JUN 16 | 10:30 - 11 AM**
**KEY COURTYARD**

Our Artist Jam Sessions are casual conversations that allow creatives to explore topics as broadly or as deeply as you’d like. This self-led forum includes discussion prompts and takes place in our shady outdoor arcade. Get ready to talk about the multilayered nuances of worldbuilding, crafting compelling stories and characters, developing and deepening character building through voice and performance, and network with fellow creatives from a variety of disciplines.

**Children’s Storybook Reading:**
**Celebrating Filipino Culture**
**SUN | JUN 16 | 11 - 11:30 AM**
**KEY COURTYARD**

Explore a specially curated collection of Filipino books for toddlers, designed to connect young minds with the vibrant heritage and values of the Philippines. Start their journey of discovery with handpicked classics and contemporary favorites. Today’s reading of three books is by Nadine Mendez, co-founder of Hot Tropiks, a culture bookstore and official U.S. distributor of Asian Comics featured artist Carlo Vergara’s works. hottropiks.com

**Artist Jam Session:**
**Podcasters, Bloggers, Vloggers, & Aspiring Content Creators — Shop Talk & Gear Talk**
**SUN | JUN 16 | 11:30 AM - 12 PM**
**KEY COURTYARD**

Our Artist Jam Sessions are casual conversations that allow creatives to explore topics as broadly or as deeply as you’d like. This self-led forum includes discussion prompts and takes place in our shady outdoor arcade. Help create a safe space to share your sketchbook, network, and chat/sketch with fellow creatives. Traditional sketchbooks & fine art media and digital sketchbooks are all welcome and celebrated.

**“The Journey of an Artist to a Gallery” with Laura Rice Robinson**
**SUN | JUN 16 | 12 - 12:30 PM**
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

Veteran art gallerist Laura Rice Robinson of Avant Garden shares insider information for emerging artists who aspire to have their work displayed in art galleries.

**“The Importance of Art Evangelists, How They Shape the Future” with Georgeana Ireland**
**SUN | JUN 16 | 1 - 1:30 PM**
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

Georgeana Ireland of Ethos Contemporary will be sharing about her passion for supporting the arts, its importance, and others such as Peggy Guggenheim.

**Artist Jam Session:**
**Sketchbook Artists Meet & Greet**
**SUN | JUN 16 | 1 - 1:30 PM**
**KEY COURTYARD**

Our Artist Jam Sessions are casual conversations that allow creatives to explore topics as broadly or as deeply as you’d like. This self-led forum includes discussion prompts and takes place in our shady outdoor arcade. Help create a safe space to share your sketchbook, network, and chat/sketch with fellow creatives. Traditional sketchbooks & fine art media and digital sketchbooks are all welcome and celebrated.

**Cosplay & Harajuku Fashion Show**
**SUN | JUN 16 | 2 - 2:45 PM**
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

The Bowers is a safe and welcoming space for all visitors to express themselves through cosplay, cultural attire, fashion, and style. We invite cosplayers to show off their creativity in our just-for-fun fashion show — and we also extend an invitation for Harajuku fashionistas to transport audiences to new worlds of imagination. In the spirit of our current exhibition, *Asian Comics: Evolution of an Art Form*, we aim to highlight an aspect of Japanese culture that celebrates fearless artistry, self-exploration, and independence: Harajuku Fashion.

*Programs subject to change.*
SCHEDULE, DAY 1

Saturday, June 15

10 AM - 4 PM:  EXPO VENDORS — JOHN M. LEE COURT
BRICK BUILD DISPLAYS — LOBBY

WELLNESS AREA: A safe, restful space away from sensory overstimulation; read a comic book or draw pictures
— HSU CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR (elevator accessible)

ALL-DAY ACTIVITIES: Face painting, art projects, handmade candy sculptures — KEY COURTYARD

COMIC COLLECTORS: Comic Book Bargain Bins & Treasure Dive (while supplies last!) — KEY COURTYARD

10 AM - 12 PM:  MUSIC: DJ Phantasea — HUANG GARDEN

10:30 - 11 AM:  ARTIST JAM SESSION: AI & the Art World (a self-led forum with discussion prompts) — KEY COURTYARD

11 - 11:40 AM:  SCREENING: Interview with Filipino artist Carlo Vergara, who is featured in our current exhibition, Asian Comics: Evolution of an Art Form — AUDITORIUM

12 - 2 PM:  MUSIC: Moon in Gemini — HUANG GARDEN

12:30 - 1 PM:  JAM SESSION: Gamers, Creators, Newbies, & Indie Games (a self-led forum with discussion prompts) — KEY COURTYARD

1 - 1:30 PM:  PRESENTATION: “Pinoy Komiks,” which discusses the importance of comics in Filipino culture — AUDITORIUM

1:30 - 2 PM:  ARTIST JAM SESSION: Artwork Show & Tell (a self-led, safe space to share your art, seek input & critiques, network, and chat with fellow creatives) — KEY COURTYARD

2 - 4 PM:  MUSIC: Mesmé — HUANG GARDEN

2:30 - 3:45 PM:  SCREENING: Animated shorts, including a sizzle real of Carlo Vergara’s animated feature of his blockbuster character, Zsazsa Zaturnnah — AUDITORIUM

4 - 9 PM:  FREE '80S FLASHBACK FAMILY-FRIENDLY AFTER PARTY!
At 4th Street Market’s back patio in Downtown Santa Ana, featuring DJ Ruben Salazar spinning musical hits from the ‘80s!
https://www.instagram.com/dtsalive/ — OFFSITE

Programs subject to change.
SCHEDULE, DAY 2

Sunday, June 16

10 AM - 4 PM:

**EXPO VENDORS** — JOHN M. LEE COURT

**BRICK BUILD DISPLAYS** — LOBBY

**WELLNESS AREA:** A safe, restful space away from sensory overstimulation; read a comic book or draw pictures
— HSU CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR (elevator accessible)

**ALL-DAY ACTIVITIES:** Face painting, art projects, handmade candy sculptures — KEY COURTYARD

**COMIC COLLECTORS:** Comic Book Bargain Bins & Treasure Dive *(while supplies last!)* — KEY COURTYARD

10 AM - 12 PM:

**MUSIC:** Whipnotiq — HUANG GARDEN

10:30 - 11 AM:

**ARTIST JAM SESSION:** Storytelling, Writing, (Voice) Acting, Art/Animation: The Worlds Behind Worldbuilding *(a self-led forum with discussion prompts)* — KEY COURTYARD

11 - 11:30 AM:

**READING:** Filipino children’s storybook reading — KEY COURTYARD

11:30 AM - 12 PM:

**ARTIST JAM SESSION:** Podcasters, Bloggers, Vloggers, & Aspiring Content Creators - Shop Talk & Gear Talk *(a self-led forum with discussion prompts)* — KEY COURTYARD

12 - 2 PM:

**MUSIC:** AJ Calzada — HUANG GARDEN

12 - 12:30 PM:

**“THE JOURNEY OF AN ARTIST TO A GALLERY” - LAURA RICE ROBINSON.**
Veteran art gallerist Laura Rice Robinson of Avant Garden shares insider information for emerging artists who aspire to have their work displayed in art galleries.

1 - 1:30 PM:

**“THE IMPORTANCE OF ART EVANGELISTS, HOW THEY SHAPE THE FUTURE.” - GEORGEANA IRELAND.** Georgeana Ireland of Ethos Contemporary will be sharing about her passion for supporting the arts, its importance, and others such as Peggy Guggenheim.

1 - 1:30 PM:

**ARTIST JAM SESSION:** Sketchbook Artists Meet & Greet *(a self-led, safe space to share your sketchbook, network, and chat/sketch with fellow creatives)* — KEY COURTYARD

2 - 2:45 PM:

**FASHION SHOW:** Cosplay & Harajuku Fashion Show — AUDITORIUM

2 - 4 PM:

**MUSIC:** John Tejada — HUANG GARDEN

3 - 4 PM:

Pick up brick builds — LOBBY

4 - 6 PM:

Event strike/tear-down

Programs subject to change.
Many Thanks to Eden USA!
m.edenusa.com
Audio equipment sponsor

DJ Phantasea
SAT | JUN 15 | 10 AM – 12 PM

DJ Phantasea are residents of Neptunian Influence, a Long Beach-based electro mix & event series. SoundCloud.com/djphantasea

Moon in Gemini
SAT | JUN 15 | 12 PM – 2 PM

Michael Walsh aka Moon in Gemini is a music producer and DJ who creates electro and house music as one half of Lunar Tropics (with Christoph Caominh). As a DJ he’s performed at events such as Bunker NY, Movement Festival Detroit, WMC Miami, and Into The Woods LA. Obsessed with the intersection of sound and technology, Walsh also consults as a content strategist for brands such as Ableton, Icon Collective, and Turntablelab. Hear his latest music as Lunar Tropics on Spotify, Bandcamp, Soundcloud, and Apple Music. Walsh hosts Cosmic Spot Radio on 99.1 KLBP FM in Long Beach every Friday night from 9 - 11 PM.
https://cosmicspotradio.com
https://lunar-tropics.bandcamp.com
https://www.instagram.com/moon.in.gemini/
https://www.instagram.com/cosmicspotradio/

Mesmé
SAT | JUN 15 | 2 – 4PM

Drawing inspiration from her favorite crime fiction and neo-noir films, Mesmé’s entrance into the City of Angels from the Midwest via Singapore created a rapid buzz in the LA underground, thanks to her vinyl-heavy sets, striking selections, and ability to build an intoxicating vibe from the ground up. Resident DJ at Into The Woods (Los Angeles) and Dublab Radio. https://linktr.eyJ..com/mesme

Whipnotiq
SUN | JUN 16 | 10 AM – 12 PM

Whipnotiq is a sorceress of unique sounds from emotive to oddball, often within the realms of electro music and beyond. She cherishes the music she loves and passionately collects and shares it with others. Based in Long Beach, California, Miranda Calzada has been honing her craft on mediums from Ableton controller to turntables for over a decade. By curating Neptunian Influence, an electro-leaning mix & event series, she brings forth sounds which incite “bright companion clouds and dark vortices.” Neptunian Influence features artists such as 214, James Shinra, John Tejada, ADAB and Bluetech.
https://soundcloud.com/whipnotiq
https://neptunianinfluence.com/

AJ Calzada
SUN | JUN 16 | 12 PM – 2 PM

AJ Calzada is a Long Beach-based DJ, marketing consultant and graphic designer. He is one half of DJ Phantasea and co-runs Neptunian Influence, an electro-leaning mix & event series. AJ currently holds a residency at Bowers Museum for the Final Fridays event series.
SoundCloud.com/ajcalzada

John Tejada
SUN | JUN 16 | 2 – 4PM

John Tejada is a Vienna-born, Los Angeles-based electronic music composer, DJ, and professor at CalArts. Tejada’s professional output of music began in 1994 and has never let up, including five albums for the revered label Kompakt, plus releases on Pokerflat, Cocoon, Plug Research, Seventh City, Playhouse, Defected, and his own label since 1996, Palette Recordings. Tejada has also been responsible for remixing more than 100 songs for acts including Orbital, The Postal Service, Télépopmusic, The Field, Bomb the Bass, Way Out West, Kevin Saundersen, Plaid, Psychic TV, Gui Boratto, Simian Mobile Disco and many others.
Instagram & Facebook @johntejadaofficial
X @johntejada